

## Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Dear Warren County Landowners;

The Warren County SWCD is in the process of writing a **Needs Assessment** as it pertains to cost-share dollars for conservation practices. This Needs Assessment will be submitted to the State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Commission *to assist in determining our district's cost-share allotment for the next year and years to come*.

We have attached the entire listing of all regular and special area land treatment (SALT) costshare practices that *could* be available statewide. These practices are grouped into what resource concern they address when installed. The board of supervisors would like to know what type of conservation practices and where the cost-share for these practices is needed in the county. This is your opportunity to let us know of new practices that will address soil erosion and water quality issues.

Please take time to rank resource concerns and identify practices with acres or sites to be treated. Please fill-out and return in the self addressed stamped envelope provided. You may also call the office with your information or stop in the office and let us know what practices you could possibly use to fix the resource concerns on your land.

The goal of this is to tell the state Commission exactly how many landowners want to do cost-share practices. We also want to tell them what practices the landowners need, estimated cost and potential soil savings and water quality impact that can be achieved through cost-share. If you would like more information on a certain practices or this process, feel free to contact our office at (636) 456-3434, ext. 3.

The one-tenth-of-one percent parks, soils and water sales tax is used to fund efforts to help protect the soil from erosion and improve water quality. The tax was renewed by voters of the state of Missouri in 2006. Roughly \$24 million is available to Missouri landowners from this tax. The Soil and Water Commission has asked each soil and water conservation district to do a Needs Assessment so the **cost-share dollars can be more accurately allocated to meet the landowners' needs**.

Please return the survey by **November 14, 2008** in the envelope provided.

Sincerely, Warren County Soil & Water District Board of Supervisors

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